

REMARKS

In the first Office Action of June 28, 2006, claims 2-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As a result, claim 16, which depended on claim 1, has been canceled without prejudice and the limitations of claim 16 have been included in claim 1. In view of this amendment, claim 1 is now seen as allowable.

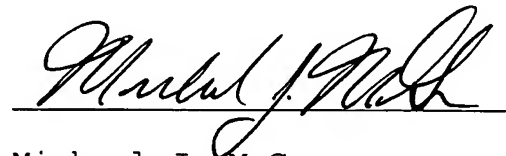
All of the other claims remaining from claims 2-15 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1. Therefore, these claims are also seen as allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the Amendment and Remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested. After the Amendment, claims 1-15 are still pending and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.

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